

# Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

## PARISH OFFICES

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## **ALL ARE WELCOME**

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., you are invited, welcomed, loved, and respected here.

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## **LIVE STREAMING**

For the benefit of our homebound parishioners, we livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass weekly. To watch it on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth.

## **OUR MISSION Statement**

To live, love, forgive, and serve the needs of others in the example of Jesus Christ.

## **SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**

### Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes before every weekend Mass.

### Baptism

Celebrated during any weekend Mass or other convenient time. Contact the church office.

### Holy Matrimony

Contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

### Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.

### Mass of Christian Burial

All arrangements should be made directly with the funeral home who will then contact the church.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## WEEK OF JUNE 29, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH  
2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29

4:00PM - Lena, Marty, Larry, Jim, and Adrian  
Doiron, Joseph Johnson

*Lector: J. Louviere*  
*Server: L. Brocato*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:00AM - Mary Lee and Gerald Robichaux, Sr.

*Lector: B. Edwards*  
*Server: J. Byrd*

10:30AM - Lloyd Killen

*Lector: M. Brundrett*  
*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*  
*Server: A. Byrd*

### MONDAY, JULY 1

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, JULY 2

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

7:00AM - Alfred Mathews, Sr.

### THURSDAY, JULY 4

8:00AM - For Our Country

## WEEK OF JULY 6, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, JULY 6

4:00PM - Lena, Marty, Larry, Jim, and Adrian  
Doiron, , Eric Steltenpohl 3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.,  
Kristian Louviere 47<sup>th</sup> birthday  
remembrance

*Lector: P. Gadel*  
*Server: B. Gadel*

### SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:00AM - Betty Jones

*Lector: D. Bess*  
*Server: TBD*

10:30AM - Dee and Helen Smart, Stephen  
Rodeback

*Lector: J. Foote*  
*Server: A. Brundrett*

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*  
*Server: A. Byrd*

### MONDAY, JULY 8

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

### TUESDAY, JULY 9

7:00AM - Sharan Bellard

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

7:00AM - Betty Mathews

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

7:00AM - Jacquelyn Brown

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF KRISTIAN LOUVIERE  
47<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

BY THE LOUVIERE FAMILY

If you would like to have a loved one or special intention remembered by providing for the sanctuary candle, please contact the parish office. The cost is \$7.00 per candle.

If you are a victim or survivor of sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy or representatives of the Catholic Church and you want to make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, and/or to obtain support for the needs of the individual and families, call Dr. Lee Kneipp, Victim Assistance Coordinator (318) 542-9805 or the LA Child Abuse **HOTLINE** (855) 452-5451. Diocesan Protecting our Children - Understanding, Reporting, and Preventing Child Abuse” brochures are available in the narthex bookcase. Both the Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors, and the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct are in the safe environment section at [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE**

Brad Gadel

**OUR SICK, RECOVERING, CONVALESCING**

*After two weeks names are removed unless notification to retain someone is received in the collection, at secretary@mmjchurch.org, calling 487-9894x1200 or by mail. Exceptions can be made, of course.*

Kenny Blair, Eva Chamberlain, Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Thomas Hickman, Daniel Jones, Jacques Matt, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Charles Waller, Tonya Wood

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Brenda Holloway, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Michael Flynn, Georgine Lauve, Lewis “Buddy” Lauve, Patricia “Patty” Mahone, Adrienne Stevens, Donna White

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Parker Barrett, Brandon Coreil, Dustin Guillory, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Chuck Williams



*Please inform us if you know of anyone who should be included or removed. You may also use a pew envelope for this purpose.*

**STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 06/23/2024**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,898.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,420.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 1,212.00</b>

Goal for June (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for June	\$ <u>25,752.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for June</b>	<b>\$ 6,898.00</b>

Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 120.00
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!  
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**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2024	\$ 24,126.00
Received to Date (48 families)	\$ <u>22,187.00</u>
Still Needed	\$ 1,939.00

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge to the ADA, please visit [www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/development-public-affairs-office](http://www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/development-public-affairs-office). Please take the time to make your commitment to the larger Church, knowing that your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of the laity of our Diocese.

**“Remember that when you leave this earth, you take with you nothing that you have received only what you have been given: A full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.” (St. Francis of Assisi)**

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

This is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow. It allows you to create or alter your contribution schedule at any time and see reports of your contribution history that you can use for your records. When you can't attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: [www.mmjchurch.org](http://www.mmjchurch.org)

**FAITH FORMATION**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass  
 During the Liturgy of the Word  
 Ages 4 - 7 - Youth Center

**FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST**

If you have a child who is or will be 7 years old in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate their first Penance and receive their first Eucharist in the Spring of the next year, the following conditions must be met: Attend separate class; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; complete and submit a religious education/CCD registration form.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

If have a child who will be entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring, the following conditions must be met: A letter handwritten by the candidate submitted to the Pastor by October 1 requesting the Sacrament; submit a completed and signed Sponsor eligibility form; one year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School; attend Sacramental Preparation Classes.



Who is **OCIA** for?

- ⇒ **Unbaptized...** Persons (7 years and older) who want to follow in Jesus’ footsteps and become members of the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized in Another Christian Church...** Those members from a different Christian community other than Catholic who are seeking full initiation in the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized but no previous Religious Education...** persons who were baptized as babies in the Catholic Church but have not had any Religious Education within the Catholic Tradition. Have you celebrated all of your sacraments of Communion and Confirmation?

Please contact either Beth and Keith Chapman or Jody and Jackie Byrd. Their contact information is on the front page of the bulletin.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Thursday, July 4 - 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 The church offices will be closed in observance of this national holiday.

**CATHOLIC EXTENSION SOCIETY**

We received notification that our church parish has received the full \$15,000 grant. This money will be used for an all-day, multi-generational program of religious education, Mass, supper, and an outdoor Christian Music Concert, scheduled for this autumn. More information will be forthcoming.

**LADIES’ ROSARY MINISTRY**

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church.

**ROMEOs**

*(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)*  
 Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**QUILTING MINISTRY**

Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.  
 Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70<sup>th</sup> or other significant anniversary in 2024, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 9, 2025 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage. If you would like to participate, please call or email the church office. Deadline is Sunday, August 31, 2024.

**COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Visit [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) and sign up under Community at the bottom of their home page. Mary, Mother of Jesus will receive a percentage of your purchases. There is no charge to the shopper.

**FORMED**

Our parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online platform subscription service offering access to the best Catholic digital content producers - studies, films, audio, and eBooks. All parishioners of every age can access this great Catholic material. Go to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org), select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**June 30, 2024:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 | Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13 | 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 | Mk 5:21-43

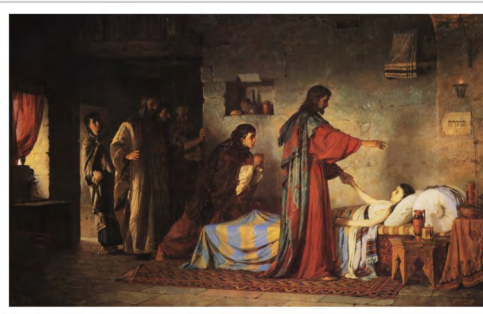
**Pray:** Heavenly Father, thank you for your steadfast love. Help us always trust in you.

### Trust in God's continuing miracles, even when you are not aware.

Word was getting around that Jesus was miraculously healing people of many ailments, including blindness and leprosy; the disabled could walk again, those possessed by demons were being delivered, a hemorrhaging woman was made well again, and He was even raising people from the dead. More and more people with ailments and trust in Jesus followed Him to ask for healing favors. Jesus always showed much love and compassion when He stepped in to heal someone, but He usually told them not to tell anyone afterward. Scripture scholars think this may be because of His humble desire not to become an earthly king and to keep people from thinking He only gave physical healing.

As we delve into the Gospels, we often focus on Jesus' miracle healings. But what about those who hoped for healing and didn't receive it? This doesn't mean their faith was lacking or their requests deemed unworthy. It's a reminder that our faith is not about getting what we want but about trusting in God's plan, even when our prayers go unanswered.

God sent Jesus into the world because He loves us. Jesus is love because He is also God. He



would never push us away because He only wants the best for us and our world. We must be patient and remember that God is omniscient. He sees and knows things we can't comprehend in our human state. He hears our prayers and pleases and answers our prayers in the best way possible, many of which are invisible miracles that take care of everything. We must trust Him. Jesus came to conquer death, which is the devil's work, and Jesus always wins. He repeatedly tells us in Scripture not to be afraid because He is with us. Jesus is a lifesaver for all who believe in Him, and He does not wish death on anyone. Our Savior brings everlasting and eternal life to all who love and trust Him. The bottom line is that we must remember and follow the First Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Because we know He loves us, we must trust Him and never be afraid. He is always with us, and He has everything in control because He loves us.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † How have you come to know that God loves you? How do you know that God hears your prayers? What helps you to be patient when the Lord seems slow to answer your prayers?
- † How have you shared your faith in God with those facing serious illness?
- † How has your faith in God helped you in times of grief over the loss of loved ones?
- † How is God continuing to perform miracles today? If you are aware of a miracle in your life, please share.